

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, please insert the following after the title:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a divisional of co-pending U.S. Application Serial No. 09/623,949 filed October 27, 2000 which claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §371 of PCT International Application No. PCT/EP99/01367, filed March 3, 1999 which claims priority to German Application No. 198 10 663.7, filed March 12, 1998.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

On page 1, before line 27, please insert the following:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

On page 2, before line 9, please insert the following:

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

On page 4, line 24 to page 5 line 2, please replace the paragraph with the following paragraph:

Appropriately, the PVC surfaces are cleaned with the composition according to the invention in the following way:

- The cleaning agent is applied using the usual methods, e.g. by spraying or by means of a felt cloth, sponge, textile cloth, brush or doctor blade.
- It is advantageous if the temperature is above room temperature since, in this case, cleaning can be intensified and shortened. The temperature of the cleaning agent should be between 2010 and 80°C, preferably between 40 and 60°C.

- The period of action of the cleaning agent according to the invention may be 51 second to 30 minutes.
- The cleaning agent is rinsed off with running water. The rinsing water can be recycled.
- After rinsing, the profile is dried with warm air, by thermal radiation or similar methods.

On page 5, lines 8-15, please replace the paragraph with the following paragraph:

The cleaned PVC surface can be coated or adhesive bonded without any further pretreatment. Appropriately, however, it is pretreated in the known way. Before adhesive bonding, the cleaned PVC surfaces are optionally pretreated mechanically, physically, chemically or electrochemically. In particular by applying an adhesion promoter or primer, by flame treatment or by corona treatment. Corona surface pretreatment, for example, is suitable for this purpose. By way of this treatment in an air atmosphere at normal pressure, the atomic layers in the surface of the profile are more or less strongly oxidized by high voltage discharge. In this way, the wetting and the adhesive properties are improved. A normal corona treatment is not possible on profiles. For this reason, corona treatment is preferably carried out according to the Softal process using Softal ionic or multi-ionic electrodes.